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This newsletter is a public service for U.S. citizens in the Republic of Korea. Please feel free to share this newsletter with other U.S. citizens.

# **Last Chance for 2018 Winter Olympics Ticket Lottery**

The 2018 Winter Olympics online lottery for ticket sales will close on April 23rd. Residents of Korea with Foreigner Registration IDs are able to enter the lottery to purchase tickets directly from the official Korean Olympic ticketing website. If you do not have a Foreigner Registration ID, tickets are available to U.S. citizens through the authorized ticket re-seller CoSport. However, ticket prices may be higher and have a more limited selection than purchasing them directly from the official website.

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#### **Upcoming Special Elections**

Georgia will conduct a special election on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, for the 6th Congressional District to replace Tom Price who was confirmed as the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary. This district consists of parts of northern Atlanta and parts of surrounding counties such as Cobb, Fulton, and Dekalb. If you are a Georgia resident from the 6th Congressional District, register and request an absentee ballot today starting at FVAP.gov. Detailed instructions and county contact information is available at <a href="https://www.fvap.gov/georgia">www.fvap.gov/georgia</a>.

South Carolina and Montana will also conduct special elections in May.

Please click this link if you'd like to check for elections in your state and district. For more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or assistance with the absentee voting process please go to FVAP.gov or call FVAP at 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584) or email (vote@fvap.gov).

## References for Victims and Those in Need of Legal Assistance

The following links at the <u>US Embassy website</u> may provide helpful information for <u>American Victims</u> of <u>Crime in South Korea</u> or for those seeking an <u>attorney</u>.

<u>Seoul Global Center</u> for Foreigners (Help Center for Foreigners) provides free legal consultations every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:30-5:00 p.m. (appointments recommended). This center is operated by the City of Seoul. Contact the center via their above <u>website</u> or by phone at 02-2075-4130 ext 1 or e-mail: <u>hotline@seoul.go.kr</u>.

#### IRS 2016 Tax Filing Guidance

The following links provide useful information as you prepare to file your 2016 tax return.

## **Preparing for Tax Season**

- Tax Information for International Taxpayers
- Tax Guide for U.S. Citizens and Resident Aliens Abroad

#### Other IRS links

- Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
- Expatriation of U.S. Citizens

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# **Upcoming Outreach at USFK Installations**



We offer passport, birth registration (Consular Report of Birth Abroad), and notarial services at USFK installations throughout Korea. Please note that you must have base access to attend these outreaches. Upcoming outreach events are below. For the most up-to-date information, visit our <u>outreach services page</u> on the U.S. Embassy website.

**USAG Yongsan**: Weekly on Wednesdays from 09:00-11:00 and 12:30-15:30 with exception of May 3 and May 31 when we will be closed.

<u>Camp Casey</u>: June 7, 2017 (Wednesday) from 9:30~13:30. Email CampCaseyPassport@state.gov to schedule an appointment.

<u>Osan AB</u>: May 2, 2017 (Tuesday) and July 6, 2017 (Thursday) from 10:00-15:30 at the 51st Force Support Squadron building #936, Embassy room #120. To schedule an appointment, please call 51st FSS Passport Office "Janice Lyn Remollena" DSN 784-6719.

## **Embassy Closures in April-July 2017**

The U.S. Embassy will be closed on Wednesday, May 3 (Budha's Birthday), Friday, May 5 (Children's Day), Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day), Tuesday, June 6 (Korean Memorial Day) and Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day). If you are applying for passport or consular report of birth abroad services, please consider these closures and apply early! For up to date information about Embassy closures please visit our website.

## **Check out the American Citizen Services Blog**

If you have a question that cannot be answered by searching our regular website please check out our blog. Entries focus on advice and resources for frequently asked questions on everything from divorce to passport regulations and children's issues.